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| In the Application of |) | |
| Karl Blume et al. |) | |
| for METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR |) | Examiner: M. Rosales-Hanner |
| DESIGNING FRAMES AND CASES |) | Group Art Unit: 2123 |
| Serial No.: 09/608,620 |) | |
| Filed: June 30, 2000 |) | (Our File No. 3309P-114) |

Hartford, Connecticut, August 27, 2004

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.183

S I R:

We hereby petition the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to suspend or waive, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.183, the requirement for an inventor to sign a Supplemental Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.67.

This petition is accompanied by the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h).

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In an Office Action dated December 4, 2003, the Examiner objected to the Declaration. Our records indicate that the objection was due to the fact that, although all twelve of the inventors signed the Declaration, four of the twelve inventors neglected to provide the date of execution. The four inventors, who signed but neglected to date the original Declaration, are:

Gregory Chetta,
Robert Rozelle,
Amy Serwinowski, and
Jeffrey Simpson.

We obtained signed and dated Supplemental Declarations for inventors, Gregory Chetta and Jeffrey Simpson. Although, we have diligently sought to have the remaining two inventors, Robert Rozelle and Amy Serwinowski, sign and date a Supplemental Declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.67, we were not successful.

As supported by the accompanying declarations of Karen Malatesta and Elizabeth Dudek, we have:

- Prepared a Supplemental Declaration,
- determined the last known address of each of the four inventors,
- sought to verify the correctness of each inventor's address, and
- sent Federal Express packages to each of the four inventors, the packages containing:
 - the Supplemental Declaration,
 - an attached copy of the application as-filed, and
 - a letter requesting that the Supplemental Declaration be signed, dated and returned to us.

Of the four inventors contacted as noted above, only inventors G. Chetta and J. Simpson returned a signed and dated Supplemental Declaration. We have submitted the Supplemental Declarations for inventors Chetta and Simpson in a separate submission.

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Federal Express was unable to deliver the packages to the remaining two the inventors, R. Rozelle and A. Serwinowski, as they apparently were no longer residing at their last known addresses.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.67, when an inventor who executed the original declaration is refusing or cannot be found to execute a required supplemental declaration, the requirement for that inventor to sign the supplemental declaration may be suspended or waived in accordance with 37 CFR 1.183.

We hereby respectfully request that the Director, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.183, waive the requirement that inventors:

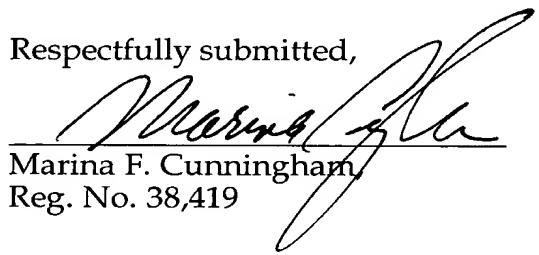
Robert Rozelle, and

Amy Serwinowski

execute a Supplemental Declaration for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/608,620.

Applicants enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(h) for this Petition. Applicants believe that no additional fees or deficiencies in fees are owed. However, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fees owed to our Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,


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